(*b*) the modifications, if any, introduced by this Government to the same ?

Minister for Industries and Labour **(Sri. P. K. Krishnankutty Menon):**

(*a*) According to the latest instruction of the Government of India, all the fabricators who possessed up-to-date factories working entirely with the aid of power on or before 20th March 1950 and registered under the Factories Act may be allotted tin sheet for fabrication.

(*b*) This Government has not introduced any modification to the above policy. But at present Government are supplying in sheets only those fabricators who possessed factories working with the aid of power before 1st January 1946.

ശ്രീ. ഇ. ഗോപാലകൃഷ്ണമേനോൻ: ഈ സമയംവരെ എതെങ്കിലും ബ്ലൂമാനപ്പെട്ട മെമ്പറന്മാർ എതെങ്കിലും വ്യക്തിയ്ക്കു് ടിൻ ഷീറ്റ് കൊടുക്കുന്നതിനു വേണ്ടി ശവമ്മെൻറിനെ സമീപിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ടോ ?

ശ്രീ. പി. കെ. കൃഷ്ണൻകുട്ടിമേനോൻ: അറിവില്ല.

സാഹിബ് ബഹദൂർ ടി. എ. മൈതീൻകുഞ്ഞു: വക്കാലത്തോടുകൂടി സമീപിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ടോ ?

ശ്രീ. പി. കെ. കൃഷ്ണൻകുട്ടിമേനോൻ: നോട്ടീസു് വേണം.

TANKS

*300. [47] **Sri. A. Gabriel Nadar** Will the hon. Minister for Public Works be pleased to state.—

(*a*) the number of tanks so far improved during this financial year;

(*b*) the total number of tanks the department proposes to complete for the whole of this financial year;

(*c*) whether the maintenance of the tanks already improved has been done by the department; and

(*d*) whether any funds have been set apart for the annual maintenance of the tanks already improved ?

Minister for Public Works **(Sri. G. Chandrasekhara Pillai):**

(*a*) to (*c*) The information is being collected.

(*d*) Yes.

Sri. D. Gnanasigamoni: What is the amount and where is it provided ?

Sri. G. Chandrasekhara Pillai: That amount is provided for along with the item 'tanks'. What exactly is the amount provided for cannot be answered by me now.

Sri. D. Gnanasigamoni: Was an amount provided for improvements also ?

Sri. G. Chandrasekhara Pillai: There is lump sum provision for that.

KUMPAPILLI BRIDGE

*301. [48] **Sri. N. V. Chacko:** Will the hon. Minister for Public Works be pleased to state.—

(*a*) how far the construction of the Kumpapilliy bridge has progressed;

(*b*) whether its construction has been delayed through any action of any Superintending Engineer;

(*c*) if so whether the hitch or rub has been removed and whether work can now proceed without further delay; and

(*d*) when the Kumpapilliy bridge is expected to be finished and made available for traffic ?

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Minister for Public Works **(Sri. G. Chandrasekhara Pillai)**: The necessary information is being collected.

TRAVELLING ALLOWANCE

***302.** [49] **Sri. N. V. Chacko:** Will the hon. Minister for Finance be pleased to state whether Members of the Legislative Assembly who are receiving consolidated allowance from first April 1951 are entitled to travelling allowance and daily batta for attending meetings of the Taluk Public Works and Communications Committee, Taluk Food Production Committee and District Food Production Committee?

Minister for Finance and Food **(Sri. K. M. Korah):** The consolidated allowance sanctioned to the Members is for their duties in connection with the Legislative Assembly or Committees thereof—please see Schedule B of Notification No. L.A.-6-99/50, dated 4th March 1951, issued by the Secretary, Legislative Assembly.

The notification does not say anything regarding their eligibility for T.A. or D.A. for attending Food Production or Works Committee meetings. Their eligibility may depend on the rules and constitution of these committees. But no T.A. has so far been claimed since 1st April 1951. It is however known from the Accountant-General that T.A. is being paid to Taluk Food Advisory Committee and Central Food Advisory Committee.

12 Noon]

Written answer

HIGH COURT ACT (AMENDMENT) BILL

***303.** [50] **Sri. N. V. Chacko:** Will the hon. Minister for Law be pleased to state whether the Government have received opinions or suggestions or recommendations from the High Court of Travancore-Cochin about the Travancore-Cochin High Court Act (Amendment) Bill.

Minister for Industries and Labour **(Sri. P. K. Krishnankutty Menon):** Yes.

Unstarred question

DISPENSARY

14. [6] **Sri. Eappen Arakkal:** Will the hon. Minister for Medicine be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the dispensary building at Chettikad, north of Alleppey is in a dilapidated condition; and

(*b*) whether the matter has been already brought to the attention of the Government several times before?

Answer

(*a*) The dispensary building requires some repairs.

(*b*) The matter has been brought to the notice of Government. Action is also being taken to rectify the defects.

Question of Privilege arising out of Mrs. Thankamma N. Menon not taking the Oath

Mr. Speaker: Order, order. Sri. Gnanasigamoni has sought the permission of the Speaker to raise a question of privilege. He has given notice under Rule 57 of the Travancore-Cochin Legislative Assembly Rules to raise a question of privilege today arising out of the non-taking of oath by Mrs. Thankamma N. Menon, who has been declared as having been duly elected to this Assembly. Rule 57 is to this effect:

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